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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending all courtesies during the telephonic conferences of August 5th and September 4th, 2008, for allowing Claims 11-16, and for indicating that dependent Claims 2-3, 9, 21, 24-25, and 31 recite patentable subject matter.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rejected independent Claims 1 and 23 over Hwang '407 in view of Flick '551 or Leen et al. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 23 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art and has amended dependent Claims 3 and 24 for consistency. Applicant has also canceled Claims 2 and 17-22 to advance prosecution and without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a continuation application.

More specifically, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 23, as helpfully suggested by the Examiner during the telephonic interviews, to recite patentable subject matter. Claims 1 and 23 has been amended to further recite "the pre-warn emulator, responsive to the pre-warn vehicle security sensor sensing the low security threat level condition, sequentially generating, on the data communications bus extending throughout the vehicle and carrying data and address information, a high security threat level signal corresponding to the sensed high security threat level condition and a duration shortening signal for the alert indicator for generating a shortened alarm indication." Applicant submits that the prior art references fail to disclose or fairly suggest these claimed features. Indeed, as correctly acknowledged by the Examiner during the telephonic

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conference, these claim amendments should place this application in condition for allowance.

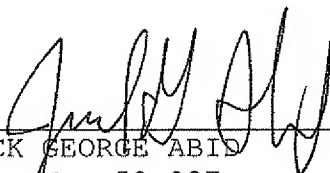
Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 17, and 23 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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